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Ratification of Agreement for Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Center

Restoring in-patient hospital services at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center is a top priority of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. At the Board's direction, the Chief Executive Officer was authorized to enter discussions with the University of California (U.C.) Office of the President on the terms of an agreement that could lead to opening the hospital in a manner that would ensure delivery of quality patient care. On August 12, 2008, the Chief Executive Officer reported to the Board on the status of discussions with U.C., outlined the elements of a proposed agreement, including services, financing and terms of the proposal. On August 18, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to authorize the CEO to proceed with the negotiations by formally submitting the proposal to the University.

On November 19, the University of California Board of Regents voted to approve a proposal whereby the University would partner with the County of Los Angeles in establishing a new Martin Luther King, Jr. hospital along the lines of the proposal

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authorized by the Board of Supervisors on August 12. One new element in the proposal adopted by the Board of Regents is a \$100 million Letter of Credit required by U.C. to minimize its financial liability.

The proposal requires several key implementation steps necessary to establish the new hospital under an independent governing board and to secure the legislative, regulatory, and other programmatic support needed to execute, fund and implement this effort.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Ratify the agreement adopted by the UC Board of Regents at their November 19 meeting.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on recommendations for implementation of this Agreement including the process for selection of Board Members.

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